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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

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